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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm in the East, generally steady elsewhere. Retail and distributive demand was slow to moderate, best where ads were active. Food service was fair to moderate, best for fast food promotions and into delis. Offerings were mixed, ranging adequate to tight with regular commitments usually sufficient for needs. In the parts structure, wings were tight to balanced with best movement. Breast items were more balanced, but boneless breasts were fully sufficient and often discounted. Dark meat items were well balanced and clearing well. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mixed, mostly desirable.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES

The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading advanced .50 cents to 62.00 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 61.00 cents last year on the 15th September, 1999.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
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BREASTS - B/S	176.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	85.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	84.00
LEG QUARTERS	28.50
WINGS	63.00

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CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

15 STATES WEEK ENDING 09/09/00	2000	1999	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	172,039	165,874	+04
CHICKS PLACED	144,549	140,439	+03

BROILER EGGS SET IN 15 SELECTED STATES UP 4 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 172 million eggs during the week ending September 9, 2000. This was up 4 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 82 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 3 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 145 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 9, 2000. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week in 1999. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2000, through September 9, 2000, were 5.25 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 21-Oct-00 IS ESTIMATED AT 148.6 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 148.0 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 148.5 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 155.2 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 55.36 CENTS PER POUND.

WESTERN The market tone was generally steady. Offerings easily adequate to cover the fair buyer's interest. Demand by stores fairly good, best where featured; and demand by restaurants fair. Floor stocks generally adequate. Trade sentiment was barely steady on breasts and generally steady on balance of parts.

SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Demand was fair to moderate with mixed activity for supplies that were sufficient to well cleared. In the parts structure, breast items were short of an active call and held with confidence, but boneless skinless was more available and slow to move. Wings were tight with strong movement and dark meat was adequate to close balanced, particularly leg quarters, and also clearing well. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mostly desirable.

MIDWEST Trade sentiment on whole broiler/fryers steady. Offerings adequate or available on heavy sized Wogs, limited on whole birds and lightweight Wogs. Movement into retail accounts generally slow, occasionally fair to fairly good in Ohio and where features were active. In Ohio, a major chain featuring full line of producer items at buy one, get one free. In Chicago, retail features noted on whole birds at 39 cents, leg quarters at 39 cents and split breasts at 89 cents. Food service demand was mixed, slow to fair at best into fast food accounts; moderate into delicatessens and restaurants. Floor stocks balanced with buyers cautious and selective. In the parts complex, trading light overall for the limited offerings. Supplies fully adequate on boneless/skinless breasts with discounts noted, tenderloins and wings well cleared and the balance of items adequate to barely adequate. Trade sentiment fully steady to firm on wings, steady to weak on boneless/skinless breasts and mostly steady on all other items.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was about fair to moderate at best. Supplies of all sizes were mixed in availability, ranging adequate to well balanced. Movement into retail and distributive channels was fair to no better than moderate. The market tone was mostly fully steady to instances firm. In the parts market, bone-in breasts were usually adequate, but boneless skinless breasts were more than sufficient and increasing in availability. Wings were tight to short, and the balance of items were sufficient.

DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair to good. Seller offerings for prompt delivery were in good balance to tight. Buying interest for later shipments was slow in developing. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent higher at 55 to 69 cents. Trade sentiment was mostly firm. In the parts complex, wings cleared to an active buying interest. Leg quarters were noted as clearing well. Breast items were adequate to fully adequate with supplies of bone-in in the closer balance.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

BRANDED

	U.S. GRADE A
RANGE	52-69
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	56.72
NO. OF BOXES	11,858
*7 of 8 plants reporting.	

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

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ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	603	160.00-225.00	175-185	175.44
TENDERLOINS	186	215.00-250.00	215-220	218.76
BREAST - LINE RUN	73	81.00-85.00	81-83	81.44
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	48	32.00-45.00	32-34	34.17
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	477	25.00-28.00	26-28	26.24
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,152	28.00-30.00	29-30	28.98
WINGS (WHOLE)	108	55.00-61.00	56-58	57.50
WINGS (CUT)	391	62.00-88.00	68-70	71.84
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
TRADING FOR SEPTEMBER 12, 2000 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
50.00 - 55.00	52.05

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	581	160.00-225.00	170-175	175.73
TENDERLOINS	195	215.00-250.00	210-220	222.31
BREAST - LINE RUN	145	81.00-85.00	81-83	83.21
FRONT HALVES	73	76.00-84.00	76-78	76.83
LEGS	48	32.00-45.00	33-35	34.17
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	518	25.00-28.00	27-28	26.99
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,352	28.00-30.00	29-30	29.25
WINGS (WHOLE)	68	58.00-61.00	59-60	58.97
WINGS (CUT)	575	68.00-91.00	68-70	74.55
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
TRADING FOR SEPTEMBER 13, 2000 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
50.50 - 56.00	51.91	51.17

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Midweek trucklot buying activity was generally light to fair. Supplies of bone-in breasts had moved into a better balance and were mostly adequate. Offerings of boneless-skinless breasts were at least adequate to fully adequate. Wings were balanced to short of full needs, and the balance of items were generally sufficient. Movement into retail and distributive channels was fair at best. The market tone was fully steady to firm on wings, steady to fully steady on bone-in breasts, about steady on the remainder of items.

*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

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ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	160-165	168.55	665,730
TENDERLOINS	180-185	211.91	122,550
BREAST - WITH RIBS	78-79	83.54	310,880
BREAST - LINE RUN	78	81.56	164,940
LEGS	35-36	39.64	164,920
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	27-28	28.39	680,611
DRUMSTICKS	29-30	36.55	178,400
THIGHS	27-28	31.52	210,820
B/S THIGHS	77-78	79.57	32,030
WINGS (WHOLE)	58-59	67.27	343,390
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.01	57,920
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	33.19	43,820
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	49.69	60,240

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	160-165	171.50	676,548
TENDERLOINS	180-185	211.28	129,280
BREAST - WITH RIBS	78-79	85.21	356,640
BREAST - LINE RUN	78	82.48	129,680
LEGS	35-36	38.74	322,680
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	27-28	27.85	614,489
DRUMSTICKS	29-30	37.15	202,470
THIGHS	27-28	37.83	134,290
B/S THIGHS	77-78	82.67	44,920
WINGS (WHOLE)	59-60	67.17	397,390
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.95	78,800
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	34.70	68,280
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	49.86	81,480

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL WTS	AVG WTS
	09/13/00	09/12/00	09/11/00	09/10/00	09/09/00
ALA	3,892	3,940	3,953	3,841	5.08
ARK	5,283	5,327	5,387	5,681	4.72
DELMARVA	2,387	2,438	2,423	2,618	5.14
KY-LA-TN	1,917	1,881	1,913	1,854	4.40
MISS	2,739	2,785	2,741	3,073	5.10
NC	2,665	2,655	2,607	3,348	5.88
TEXAS	2,287	2,304	2,156	2,386	4.62
TOTAL	21,170	21,330	21,180	22,801	4.99
MON-WED	63,760	(B)			45,790

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 13-Sep 00 is estimated to be 31,673,000 up 1.60 percent from a week ago and up 6.2 percent from a year ago. (Last week 31,173,000; last year 29,812,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	82-85
ROASTERS 4# & UP	65-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	68
DUCKS	125
RABBITS-WHOLE	284
RABBITS-CUT UP	289

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY**DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	93-96
	DRY PACK	103-105
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	106-111
	DRY PACK	112-119
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	94
	DRY PACK	98
DUCKS		149-165

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING SEPT-16-00

	CURRENT WEEK 09/16/00 (1)	PREVIOUS WEEK 09/09/00
CLASS	THOUSAND HEAD	
BRO-FRY	158,105 (2)	137,735
LT HENS	1,738	1,490
HVY HENS	1,577	1,340
CHECK TOTAL	161,420	140,565

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 16-Sep-00 is 149.4 million head compared to 154.2 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 158.4 million head or 9.0 million more than estimated available. For week of 23-Sep-00 the estimated available is 150.2 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS

SELECTED STORAGE CENTERS

(INCLUDES GOVERNMENT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 11-Sep-00	160,112	76,914
AM 1-Aug-00	167,385	75,915
CHG	-7,273	999
PCT CHG	-4	1

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	09/12/00	09/4/00	09/14/99	09/12/00	09/4/00	09/14/99
PACIFIC						
COAST	20,842	24,279	39,789	11,124	11,514	15,379
LOS ANGELES	233	316	1,045	4,042	4,057	6,139

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

FOR 09/12/00

	LOW	HIGH	AVG		LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.10	.95	.68	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	.10	.85	.22	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	.20	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	.25	1.20	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	.20	-
PULLETS lb.	-	.90	-	PULLETS ea.	6.50	8.50	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	1.00	2.50	-
ROOSTERS lb.	.25	.95	.69	ROOSTERS ea.	1.00	2.25	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	2.75	-
TURKEYS lb.	.25	.45	.32	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	.30	1.05	.59	DUCKS ea.	1.00	1.25	-
RABBITS lb.	.40	1.25	.78	RABBITS ea.	-	1.50	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	.85	5.50	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	2.25	6.50	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	.50	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	1.25	2.00	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	5.00	12.50	-
SILKIES ea.	-	1.75	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	.50	.85	-				

TOTAL COOPS 131

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF September 04, 2000

	RANGE
HENS ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	52-56
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	59-62

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-Mexico City

NOT AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME

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